Claims 1-43 and 48-56 drawn to an accelerometer, classified in class 73, subclass 504.140.

II. Claims 44-47 drawn to a method of preventing crack propagation, classified in class73, subclass 799.

Claims 1-56 are pending in the application. Claims 1-56 are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 44-47 are canceled without prejudice. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-43 and 48-56 in group I without traverse. Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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